**Import of vaccine from China**

†*293. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to import vaccines from China for prevention of encephalitis spreading in some States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these imported vaccines would reach the affected States;

(d) whether Government have taken any measures for developing such vaccines in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to import Live Attenuated JE vaccine SA-14/14/2 from Chengdu Institute of Biological Products, Chengdu, Peoples' Republic of China.

(c) It is expected that the vaccine will arrive in India during April, 2006, and immediately on their arrival will be dispatched to the affected States.

(d) and (e) Scientists at the National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi, have developed the technology for developing a vero cells based JE vaccine. M/s Panacea Biotech Ltd., New Delhi, to whom the vero cell based JE strain has been transferred by NII, has currently scaled up the candidate vaccine to an appropriate level, and is now on the process of completing pre-clinical toxicology. It is expected that, after completion of clinical trials and depending on the feed back, the vaccine could be introduced in two three years. It is also understood that other entrepreneurs are exploring to develop this capacity to manufacture the vaccine in the country; but no definite time-limit can be predicted.

**Modernisation of fishing harbours**

*294. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposals submitted by the Government of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Andhra Pradesh for modernization/renovation of fishing harbours, indicating the estimated cost involved in each proposal;

(b) the details of the progress made, so far, on the modernization projects sanctioned for Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Nizampura and Machlipatnam based fisheries in the State; and

(c) the steps being taken/already taken by Government and various States for further strengthening the fishery industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Details of the proposals of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for modernization of four fishing harbours in the State are as below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Fishing Harbour | Cost of Modernisation (Rs. in lakhs) | Status/progress made |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Visakhapatnam | 156.89 | Project approved under ASIDE* scheme and works completed |
| 2. | Kakinada | 40.00 | Project approved under ASIDE scheme and works completed |
| 3. | Nizamapatnam | 40.00 | Project approved under ASIDE scheme and works completed |
| 4. | Machilipatnam | 45.37 | Project approved under ASIDE scheme and works completed |

* Assistance to State for Infrastructure Development for Export and Allied Activities.

(c) The Government of India has been providing financial and technical assistance for overall development of fishery sector in the country through various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes. The schemes implemented broadly comprise of (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, (ii) Centrally sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-harvest Operations, (iii) Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, (iv) Scheme on Fisheries Training and Extension and (v) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Strengthening of Database and Information Networking for the Fisheries Sector. Under these schemes the Central financial assistance varies from 50% to 75% of the unit/project cost. Assistance to the tune of Rs. 407.81 crores has been provided to various State Governments, Union Territories and other beneficiaries till date during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Other major initiatives taken by the Government of India for Development of fishery sector in the country includes, setting up of Coastal Aquaculture Authority for regulation of Coastal Aquaculture, promulgating a comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy for all round development of marine fisheries, steps taken to augment exploration of fishries resources of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone, causing the States/Union Territories to promulgate Marine Fisheries Regulation Acts, steps being taken to set up a National Fisheries Development Board. Besides meeting the State's share in the above Centrally Sponsored Schemes, States are also implementing their own schemes/programmes for development of fisheries.

**Closing down of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited**

*295. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) when the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited was closed down;

(b) the number of employees who lost their jobs;

(c) whether there is any request from the Karnataka Government to continue mining operations at Kudremukh; and

(d) the steps, if any, taken to rehabilitate the employees of KIOCL?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) has not closed down. Mining activities at Kudremukh have been closed down with effect from 1.1.2006 under the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) None.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government of Karnataka has expressed its view before the Monitoring Committee, constituted by Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) under orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court that mining in Kudremukh be continued at least for a period of 5 years.

(d) In view of (b) above, does not arise.